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***Scripture: Psalm 23

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Mary B. Belcher, Glen Kelley, Mary R. Bell, Sylvia Terrell, Bernice Cappel, Hannah Coleman, Lillian Tanks, Luc Head, Willie F. Terrell, Rosa Coleman, Tyrone Kelley, Martha Ruth Amos

***Happy Birthday: Clevea M. Davis, March 3; Warren Belcher and Juanita Belcher Brooks, March 5.

***Family and Friends Day was held Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at Legrand Community Church in Legrand, Ala. Theme: "The Way Up is Down." Those attending this annual Family and Friends Day and Black History program from Elba were: Evelyn Guiley, Ernestine Kelley, Melissa Kelley, Bettye Refelege, Shirley Coleman, Grover and Eria Belcher.

***The 27th Annual Session of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention will be March 19-20 in the Educational Building on Hwy. 84 in Elba. Officers are: Dea J.L. Williams, president; Dea Thomas Brooks, vice president; Bro. B.V. Jones, 2nd. vice president; Dea. Lester Burnette, secretary; Dea. Charles Henderson, corresponding secretary; Dea. James Woods, Treasurer; Rev. J.G. Chatmon, moderator.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History.
***Monthly Motivation: Positive anything is better than negative nothing. -Lorraine Hansberry, playwright and activist.
***African American History Calendar.

1821: On this day, Thomas L. Jennings becomes the first African American to be granted a patent in the United States for a method of dry scouring clothes.
1832: On this March 4, Zens Miriam Makeba, who will become the "Empress of African Song" is born.
1857: On March 6, the U.S. Supreme Court rules against citizenship for African Americans in the Dred Scott decision.

1914: On March 4, Ralph Waldo Ellison is born in Oklahoma City, Okla. He will later write "The Invisible Man" which wins many awards.
1917: On March 7, Janet Collins is born. She will become a Prima ballerina and the first African American to perform on stage at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Eria Lindsey



Eria Lindsey Belcher Celebrates Birthday
Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elba, celebrates her birthday.

"Somebody prayed for me and my family and with Jesus Christ is the head of my life, I'm blessed," Eria said. "I thank other family members and friends for the phone calls, birthday cards and visits. I thank God for his grace and mercy. I can't pay the Lord, but I can say 'Thank you, Sir.'"
"What I Live For" by George Linnaeus Banks is Eria's favorite poem.
"Today is a good day - be grateful!" Eria

Danley's Crossroads cemetery business meeting to be held

The annual business meeting of the Danley's Crossroads Cemetery will be held Saturday, March 6, in the county voting house adjacent to the cemetery at Danley's Crossroads. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. All persons having an interest in the cemetery and its maintenance are invited to attend this meeting.

American Lung Association to hold training session

The American Lung Association, Wiregrass Region, is seeking pharmacists, school nurses, respiratory therapists, nursing students, parents and teachers to participate in the Open Airways for Schools training on March 11 at the Citizens Bank Community Room. The training is from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to participants. Open Airways for Schools is an elementary school based program that helps children with asthma. For further information and registration, call 794-4925 or contact Gayle Reynolds, 347-1902.

Mark Lanier to be in concert at Country Cathedral



Mark Lanier

Heaven's Way Church to hold Barbecue & Singing

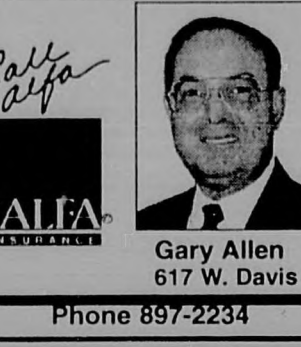
Heaven's Way Church at 112 S. John St. in New Brockton will have a B.B.Q. and benefit singing on March 6 at 7 p.m. The Murre Family from Rutledge will be singing. All B.B.Q. plates will be \$4. All proceeds go to Heaven's Way Church.

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FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W.K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.	HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Jankowski, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	INO BAPTIST CHURCH Gerry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Stephen Debusse, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. K. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH J. Freeman, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Pastor Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. K. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert Matthews, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	NEW BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
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THURS. NIGHT SERVICE 7:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting: 5:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH John D. Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	WHITWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Danny Maddox, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST Rev. Alfred Inzer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Raymond Miller, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Thursday Service: 7:00 p.m.	RETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

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Coffee County BOE studies proposals and construction of classrooms

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first order of business for the members of the Coffee County Board of Education in last Thursday's monthly meeting was to hear from a winner.

County Superintendent Rodger Bowden had invited Drew Donaldson to come to the board meeting and read his award winning essay on Thomas Jefferson. He had written the essay as an entry to the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Essay Contest. Drew's entry won at the district level and went on to become the statewide

winner. The sixth grader attends New Brockton Elementary School. The school system's architect, Bill Wallace, was introduced by the superintendent to present to the board members preliminary proposals on the construction of six six-classroom buildings. One to be built on the New Brockton campus and the other on the Zion Chapel campus.

Prior to Wallace's presentation, Bowden informed the board that PSCA (Public School College Authority) funds had been frozen by Alabama Governor Don Siegelman. He said that State Superintendent Ed

Richardson comment was, "Don't put any more money in the hole until the funds are released."
Bowden told board members, "I can assure you, we won't go forward with anything until the money is available. But, I want us to be ahead of everyone else before the money is available so that we can get the best prices that we can get on the project."

Wallace explained the type construction and design of the buildings and went over the site preparation at each location. It was noted by the architect that the septic tank systems at both construction sites would

pose, hopefully, only "minor problems" in facing a suitable location for the new classroom facilities.
The only firm stipulation placed on Wallace concerning the design of the new buildings was that they MUST have pitched roofs - not flat ones (Note: There have been water problems - roof leaking - on buildings with flat roof designs on both the New Brockton and Zion Chapel campus).

Board member Rubin McKinnon said, "We are more concerned with having a well constructed building rather than how it looks."

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook addressed the board concerning the proposed construction of a baseball field on the Zion Chapel campus.

She said the commission had given the county engineer approval to do the engineering design on the construction site and, it should be starting within the next week or two. She noted that former State Senator Dwight Adams had secured a total of \$12,500.00 to be used toward the construction of the field.



FIELD OF DREAMS...build it and they will come. Pictured above is the proposed site for Zion Chapel High School's field of dreams. Commissioner Linda Westbrook briefed BOE members on what is being done to make this "field of dreams" a reality.

State Representative Terry Spicer is also seeking additional help at the present time and the engineering design is needed to help in getting more funding. The total cost of constructing the facility is estimated to be approximately \$70,000.00. The possibility of using National

Guard Units (Engineering units) during their summer camps to help in the construction is also being explored.
At the recommendation of Ted Please See BOE, Page 16

City hopes to break even on garbage

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A quick review of the City of Elba garbage and trash pick-up, along with the recycling program, shows the city still not making money with the lower pick-up contract.

On January 1st of this year, Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) took over the garbage pick-up contract at a considerable savings to the city. The initial contract dropped from \$201,500 which the city was paying under the previous contract to \$103,896 per year with MDI. This last number has since been adjusted upward somewhat due to an error in

reporting the number of commercial dumpsters in use. It has been known for some time that there were inequities in the garbage charges being assessed to the commercial and industrial segments of the community. During the previous city administration, surveys were made and the problem was presented to the city council, but confusion reined and no corrective action was taken. Now with a change in the computer programming, the city employees can instantly review the charges for the entire town, give a new user the exact cost of a new service, etc.

Records at city hall indicated there were 19 commercial dumpsters in use within the city. During the changeover, it was discovered that there are a total of 43 of these larger units in use. These people were leasing the dumpster directly from the contractor, but the city had no record of them - some being emptied five times a week. Therefore the city was paying the \$17 per ton to dump their garbage and trash in the county landfill but was getting nothing in return from the users. The City of Elba pays Coffee County approximately \$70,000 per year in landfill fees. That is based on the tons of refuse carried to the landfill and is paid monthly.

Monthly charges on dumpsters range from \$50 per month for a smaller dumpster and once a week pick-up to as high as \$400 a month for the larger dumpster with five days a week pick-up.

Most retail and commercial users have the smaller 95 gallon cans used by homeowners, and many of these get pick-up two, three or even five days a week but were paying the same monthly fees as those who only needed once a week pick-up. The new system attempts to match the number of pick-ups with the amount charged monthly.

Commercial users pay a higher fee than homeowners, even with the once weekly pick-up. This is in the ordinance establishing the present system. Homeowners pay a base \$9 per month for once a week pick-up while a commercial account will pay \$18 for the same number of pick-ups. The theory was that most commercial accounts will have more volume of refuse than a homeowner.

In addition to the above costs, the city also collects tree limbs, leaves and other such trash. There is no additional charge to the homeowner or business, as long as the volume remains within guidelines. The cost of this part of the operation is estimated by City Clerk Donnie Mobley to be \$10,000.

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While still on the matter of equip-



FULL GRANT...received to repair floor in the Elba Recreation Department building Tuesday morning, Coffee County Emergency Management Agency Director Charlie Webb (right) presented Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (center) with a check from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) in the amount of \$22,000.00. Looking on is CEMA Deputy Director John Tallas (left). During and after the March 1998 flood, the recreation department building was utilized as a disaster recovery center for Elba and the surrounding area. During that time considerable damage was done to the gym floor. After the building was vacated and returned to normal use, Webb submitted a "request" with AEMA for assistance in repairing the damaged floor. The state agency responded with a "full grant" (no matching funds required) to pay for the repairs in full.

FEMA approves \$3.3 mil buy-out grant

Governor Don Siegelman on Tuesday announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved more than \$3.3 million in hazard mitigation grants in Coffee and Geneva Counties and in the City of Elba.

Elba portion of this mitigation grant (buy-out) is a total of \$1,579,803 while the Coffee County Commission was approved for \$516,464. All these funds will be used to buy homes in low lying areas which face repetitive flooding. These amounts include the local matching portions of the projects.

"This approval means that funds are now available for the approved applicants to begin the property acquisition process to enable these families to start a new home on higher ground and not have to go through the hardship that future flooding would cause," said AEMA Acting Assistant Director Lee Helms.

"We appreciate FEMA approving these projects and for making this

type of assistance available. Our emergency management team has been working with local officials to identify specific projects and this assistance will help toward these mitigation projects that are currently pending FEMA approval.

The breakdown of acquisition projects that have been approved are as follows:
The City of Elba 24 homes \$1,579,803
Coffee County 16 homes \$516,464
Geneva County 15 homes \$1,283,924

Acquisition projects are administered by FEMA providing funds for each individual project to the city or county, and in turn the purchases the property from the owner. The owner uses the funding to relocate to an area that is more resistant to flooding. The purchased property is then used by the city or county for open space use only. There can never again be structures built on these purchased lands.

Mr. Helms said that AEMA staff will continue to work with local

Elba Post Office experiencing change

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

When it comes to the delivery of mail, area residents may or may not have notice to the multitude of changes that are taking place at the United States Post Office in Elba.

David Filippo, Elba's postmaster, said he wants to keep the public abreast of the various changes taking place in regards to employees and addressing.

"We hadn't hired any new mail carriers here in over six years," Filippo said. "Then I hired three at one time."

He said John "Ran" King retired after completing 19 years of military and postal mail service. King was the mail carrier on Rural Route (RR) 2 during his years of service. Filippo said residents living on RR 2 will now receive their mail from Dawn Kelley who has been with the post office for nine years already as a substitute driver on RR 1.

"As of Feb. 27, a new rural route, RR 6, became effective for the Elba area," Filippo said. "This new RR was created due to the growth of the past few years."

He said RR 2 and RR 4 had grown so much that it was taking carriers a great deal of time to get all the mail delivered. Therefore, the new route was created by taking some 150 addresses off of RRs 2 and 4 and placing them on RR 6. Filippo said Jeanette Donaldson is the carrier for the newly formed RR 6. Donaldson was formerly the substitute driver on RR 2. He added that Julie Atkinson also has come aboard as the new substitute on RR 4.

"It seems as if all our routes will have new faces within the next few weeks," said Filippo. "With the new carriers coming in and other carriers changing routes, most everyone will be learning new areas."

He did stress, however, that people already having street addresses will not be affected by this change. It mostly concerns those people on the rural routes with box numbers.

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Area Happenings

PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION. The Pine Level School will have a reunion March 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old school site. All former teachers and students are urged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be furnished. For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

ELBA AARP MEETING. Long Term Care - Facts and Figures will be the topic at the Elba Chapter of AARP's meeting Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m., at the Senior Center in downtown Elba. Linda Daniels, of Luverne, AL, will discuss topics of long term care, average costs, what Medicare does/does not pay, and Alabama laws concerning resources. For more information, call Marjorie Morrow at 897-6522.

ARIS ALLIANCE PRESENTATION. "Dancetime" to be presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance, Saturday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased locally at The Jewel Box, (see Ad-page 10, for more info). Also they will be sponsoring the annual Piney Woods Arts Festival April 17-18 at ESCC Enterprise. There will art, crafts, paintings, entertainment etc. For more information, contact Freida Richey 393-2663-home or 393-8772-work.

SAUSAGE FESTIVAL. The first ever old time County Fair and Sausage Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park located just west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166. Watch for more details in The Elba Clipper as plans for the event are developed.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

business in Elba continues to grow — well you can almost call it a boom. A new Bed and Breakfast has opened downtown on Davis Street, right across the street from Aunt B's. The Columns, owned and operated by Don and Glenda Weeks, furnishes overnight facilities for travelers and noon meals for the general public. Give them a visit, it is another awful nice facility. They do us proud! Also there is a new tire store downtown in the former Charles Cox service station. Customized Cleaners is building a brand new facility on Dixon Street, between Cook Chevrolet and Windham Lumber Co. Plus there is some additional activity working on the square. We hope to be able to write about that real soon.

the Alabama Legislature... or the group we elected to be our service is for this four year term, have a long way to go before returning and declaring to the voters that they represented us well. The recent impasse in the state Senate is just the beginning and it isn't over yet, not by a long shot. Then with the highly charged lottery bill bout ready to bolt out of the House of Representatives, editorial writers will have plenty of material for weeks to come. All this effort the usual things like operating budgets, education funding, highway paving and a good dozen more subjects handled each year by the state lawmakers. There seems to be no way all this can be done in this regular session, especially with the limit of 30 actual legislative days being eaten up at the rate of seven days a week and 60 Senators doing their usual horse trading at all.

Our opinion of the base problem in Montgomery is party politics. Alabama lawmakers have never had to operate under a real two party system before but had better learn about it soon. The best suggestion we have heard lately takes a constitution amendment. If our governor and Lt. Governor were running as a team — vote for one and get the set — as the president and vice president do, they would be singing off the same song book today. Many states have this arrangement — Florida is one of them — and it works. In Alabama the Governor position was added as an afterthought and was not part of the original plan. That is probably why our do not run as a paired et already.

It was good news this week to get the official word that the money is finally here for FEMA buy-out of some flood prone homes. It has been one year since the promise was made to help our citizens and more than a few were getting louder and louder with their questions of "Will it ever happen?" However, from our viewpoint it is just the first step. There are many other people with the same need exposure who are not included in this first round. There is a promise of more money down the road to help others. We hope it arrives.

Recent announcements of 4-laning work on U. S. 84 in Covington County is good news for us also. The more work that is done on this project, the closer Coffee County is to getting it's portion of the highway widening completed. Therefore, we don't hesitate to applaud any such Highway 84 expansion, anywhere.

The long awaited E-911 address system is finally becoming a reality in Coffee County. The Post Office has issued the word for residents to begin using the new numbers. It is being paid for with regular additions to every phone bill in Coffee County. Rural mail users will have some changing of addresses to do. They can change the number themselves or use one of the commercial firms doing the projects. It is their option.

Local sales tax receipts are good right now. Considering everything that has gone on in Elba during recent years, that is great news. Of course the economy is good in most places across the United States, but it is amazing to have ours continue to grow in spite of all the disasters Elba folks have endured. It is apparently a direct throwback to that old grid and determination which built this country and which has sustained it throughout wars and depressions.

Beware of scholarship fraud

Angela Hughes

There are no guarantees when it comes to scholarships. Do your homework before you spend lots of money on a scholarship search.

Many legitimate companies advertise they can get students access to lists of scholarships in exchange for an advance fee ranging from \$10 to \$400. Other legitimate companies charge an advance fee to compare a student's profile with a database of scholarship opportunities and provide a list of sources for which the student may qualify. They don't guarantee or promise scholarships or grants, says Dr. Fred Waddell, Extension family resource management specialist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Some scholarship search services misrepresent their services by guaranteeing they can obtain scholarships on behalf of students or actually award scholarships to students for an advance fee. In these cases, consumers receive only a list of scholarships or grants for which they can apply. Usually, all consumers receive the same list. The "money back guarantee" require students to apply for each scholarship or grant they have listed and then offer proof they've been denied by each one.

Other fraudulent companies provide nothing for the student's advance fee — not even a list of sources, says Waddell. Others tell students they've been selected as "finalists" for awards that require fees first. Most of these scams ask for the student's checking account to confirm eligibility for an award, and then debit the account for large fees.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 1, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three assaults, one reckless endangerment, two harassments, two DUIs, one harassing communication, one breaking and entering, three thefts of property, and one robbery.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for harassment and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: six for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for an expired tag, one for an expired driver's license, tow for DUI, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for reckless driving, and one for driving while driver's license is revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MARCH 1 - River stage - 4.82 feet (6:57 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Russell St. (9:36 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2 - Prowler reported on Addison St. (4:24 a.m.); River stage - 4.73 feet (6:18 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (8:12 a.m.); Burglary reported at Powell Trailer Court on Caroline St. (11:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (12:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 - River stage - 4.70 (6:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to

SouthTrust announces preparation complete for Year 2000

Officials with SouthTrust Corporation announced that the company has completed testing and certification of all mission critical systems, including mainframe and midrange computer systems, indicating Year 2000 readiness.

SouthTrust began formal preparation for the "millennium bug" in 1995 with the formation of a corporate-wide, cross-functional project team. SouthTrust dedicated a team of experienced professionals to work specifically on the Year 2000 project, then engaged an industry expert to further consult on every aspect of SouthTrust's Year 2000 efforts. All lines of business, locations and functions within SouthTrust bank have been addressed within the Year 2000 project.

Tim Rodgers joins Army under Delayed Entry

Timothy E. Rodgers has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise.

Rodgers, a 1994 graduate of New Brockton High School, reported to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training on Feb. 17, 1999. He is the son of Joseph E. and Anita A. Rodgers of Rt. 1, New Brockton.

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• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.

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• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 7 p.m. - Elba High School.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of March 2, 1999, through March 8, 1999. They were: John Williams, Danielle Carter, Ladistrick Tyson, Willie McClain, Linda Johnson, Kathy Mularz, Adam Blake, Joey Beasley, Dustin Bolding, Rhonda Brumley, Bennie Cabbage, Roy Creech, Brenda Arnette, Kendall Cole, Myrtle Green, Jeanette Parker, Stacy Johnson, Linda Odum, Marilyn Spurlin, Sara Cotter, Annise Coleman, Atrial Calloway, Emma Lee, Melanie Mularz, Samuel Harris, Lois Edgar, and J.L. Smith.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Bennie Cabbage, Kendall Cole, Stacy Johnson, Roy Creech, Sara Cotter, J.L. Smith, Thomas Smith, O.P. Truett, Callie Carr, Mary Young, I.D. Coon, Billy Denham, Fred Cox, Danielle Carter, Jewel Odum, John Ladistrick Tyson, Patricia Clark, Linda Johnson, Kathy Mularz, Adam Blake, Myrtle Green, Joey Beasley, Rhonda Brumley, and Dustin Bolding.



The Peoples Bank of Elba recently made a corporate donation to the American Cancer Society for its 1999 Relay for Life Campaign. Pictured are (left to right): Kelli Owens, Doris Matthew - president of The People Bank, and Lucille Latham.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It was recently reported in the paper that Coach David Sikes would no longer be head football coach at Elba High School. We would like to let him know that he will be missed. We are happy to hear that Coach Sikes and his family plan to stay in Elba.

Coach Sikes has always been supportive of little league football. We have seen him at games and also at practice. We also thank him for having a night when all little league football players were introduced before the Friday night football game. We have never known of another coach that showed interest in little league football; even though this is where the players of the future come from.

We support Elba Tiger Football and wish the best to the team for the upcoming season. Thanks for your time.

Keith, Brenda and Chase Boutwell

Dear Editor,

I am writing to address the events that happened during and after a city league basketball game. The ten and under league championship, the Wildcats versus the Hoyas, was an intense battle to the end.

A city league official told the coach for the Wildcats that he had

one timeout left, but he didn't. The game was tied with three seconds left, and the Wildcats coach called a timeout. The coach for the Hoyas ran to the referee and said that it was a technical foul because they didn't have any timeouts left. The same referee that told the coach he had one timeout left, called a technical foul. The other team got two free shots, which put them up by two with three seconds left. They got the ball and ran out the clock.

Immediately after the game, I ran to the referee, and he denied that he told the coach. Then I ran to Ricky Mularz to do something about this. The Hoyas were celebrating while the Wildcats were on the floor crying. They had just been cheated out of the championship. I do not blame the official for making the mistake, but lying about it was not the way to get out of it. We try to teach these kids not to cheat or lie.

A grown up refereeing a boys basketball game, sits there and lies. What kind of example is that for these kids to go by. The same two referees have been here for years. The same nonsense that happened at that game, happened when my older brother and I played.

To Ricky Mularz, I apologize for the way I acted, but I still stand by what I say. The coach for the Wildcats was not getting paid, he

devoted all his time to working with these kids. This is not a college game. These are 10-year-old boys. That technical foul should never have been called. No offense to the Hoyas team, fans, or coaches, but I would not want to win like that. It was the best game of the year.

Again, I apologize to Mr. Mularz and to the teams that the best game of the year ended like that.

Sincerely,
Hunter Branch

Dear Editor,

We desire any help with information for CORNELIUS COOK who married Ann Finklea in Covington, County, Ala., about 1856.

Children of this marriage: Jesse O. Cook, John F. Cook, James Walter Cook and Thomas Giles Cook. All lived in Coffee and Covington County, Ala. Contact Joyce Grubbs, 15322 Wandering Trail, Friendswood, TX 77546-3025, or call collect 281-482-8764. Sincerely,
Joyce Grubbs

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From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Knowing "too much" about your customer

A proposed new federal regulation requiring banks and other financial institutions to monitor and profile customer transactions has generated broad opposition on Capitol Hill and prompted many Americans to cry foul.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has been taking public comment on a proposed new "Know Your Customer" rule which was published in December by the U.S. Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve, and the FDIC. The new rule would require all banks to establish a profiling system on every account holder showing their deposit and withdrawal histories and patterns.

According to the FDIC, the "Know Your Customer" proposal is intended to help banks prevent illicit and illegal activities such as

money laundering from occurring within their institutions. While the intention of the "Know Your Customer" rule may be good, under close scrutiny, it fails the common sense test.

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..." It is therefore clear that personal privacy, no matter how well-intentioned this proposed rule may be, must be safeguarded. Arbitrary search and compiling of a customer profile as proposed by "Know Your Customer" would attempt to violate the Fourth Amendment.

Additionally, the implementation of the "Know Your Customer" regulations would place additional costs on financial institutions and banks. This unfunded federal mandate on

Kemp receives DAR award

A new award created for the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, has been presented for the first time ever to Richard A. Kemp II, 72, of Ozark.

The Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Kemp by outgoing Society President William A. Legrand on Feb. 27 during the annual convention held in Auburn.

Kemp was cited for "service above self to the Wiregrass and Tri-State Chapters and to the Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution."

Currently, Kemp serves as president of the Wiregrass Chapter in Enterprise. He was the first president of that chapter when organized in 1992 and became the first president of the Tri-State Chapter in Dothan when it was chartered.

He served for five years as the Alabama Society's genealogist, was chairman of the public affairs and fund committee and captain of the State's Southern District Color Guard.

Other SAR awards Kemp has received include the Meritorious Service Medal, the War Service Medal with clasps for WWII, Korea and Vietnam, the Liberty Medal and the Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Kemp was named by the new Society President Hoyt O. Smith to be the State Color Guard Commander and to continue as public affairs chairman.

Kemp is a member of the joint SAR-DAR committee in Coffee County coordinating activities for the 1999 George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. He is a member of the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, a member of the "First Families of Alabama" designated by the Alabama Genealogy Society, and a past commander of local camps of the Sons of the American Revolution, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of Masonic and Scottish Rite orders.



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AREA DEATHS

LARRY KEITH GRANTHAM

SR.

March 6, 1999 in Florida and burial followed in Green Wood Cemetery. Survivors include her husband: Winston E. Rowe, Florida; five daughters: Jacqueline J. Keith (Kenneth), Chicago, Ill.; Bernadette Riley (John), Pensacola, Fla.; Shonta B. Rowe, Panama City Beach, Fla.; Evangelist Daphne A. Rowe, Florida; Elba Rowe Brantley (Arbee), Spanish Town, Jamaica; four sons: John W. McCarey (Lynell), Los Angeles, Calif.; Will Norsworthy (Ava), Florida; Emanuel McCarey, Los Angeles, Calif.; Keith Rowe, Kingston, Jamaica; 29 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife: June Jacobs Grantam, two sons: Larry Keith Grantam Jr. and Jacob Todd Grantam, a daughter: Melissa Brooke Grantam, his father: William N. "Coot" Grantam, his mother: Doris Lee Grantam and his brother: Norman Wayne Grantam, all in Elba.

Funeral services were held March 7, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Music was provided by Mrs. Pam Baker.

MRS. PATRICIA DRIGGERS

Mrs. Patricia Driggers, wife of Nick Brockton Police Chief Charles Driggers, died suddenly on Tuesday morning March 9th.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time, but are being handled by Seay Funeral Home of Enterprise.

BEATRICE JOHNSTON ROWE

Mrs. Beatrice Johnston Rowe of Florida, Ala. died earlier this month. Funeral services were held on

CARDS OF THANKS

REAVES FAMILY

The family of I RNEST REAVES would like to thank all our relatives, friends, and neighbors for the flowers, food, cards and all the acts of kindness shown during the death of our loved one. We would also like to say a special thank you to Coffee County EMS, Dr. Schumaker, Benny Wilkerson R.N., and the staff at Elba General Hospital for your hard work and support.

THE REAVES FAMILY 3/11ch.

MAGWOOD FAMILY

The family of Betty Jean Magwood would like to thank everyone and especially hospice for the love, prayers, flowers, card donations, food and concern shown to us during the bereavement of our mother. May God bless all of you. BETSY HOOKS, ALEX, STEVE AND TRAVIS MAGWOOD 3/11pd.

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RECEPTION - National Security Insurance Companies annually sponsors a live, high quality arts performance for the public. Following the performance many friends of the company are invited to a reception at the beautiful Elba offices of the company. Above are several shots of people socializing at the reception following the presentation at Elba High School of "Ain't Misbehavin'." The school was filled almost to full capacity for the February 18th performance, all people who were guest of National Security, the directors, stockholders and employees of the company. The food for the reception is supplied and served by office employees of the company.

Alabama Water Watch training for citizen monitors to be offered

On Saturday, March 20, staff and volunteers with the Alabama Water Watch Program will deliver training for citizens who wish to participate in stream monitoring. The training offered includes the Basic Alabama Water Watch Certification, Certification in Macroinvertebrate Stream Bioassessment and Bacteriological Monitoring. There will also be a recertification session for volunteers who have already been certified by Alabama Water Watch. The certification training will be at the home of Frank Arnold from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the basic and bioassessment and 3:30 to 5 p.m. for the bacteriological training. Persons coming only for the recertification should arrive at about 12:30 p.m. Persons in the Ozark area can call Arnold at 334-299-3119 for directions. Others can call Michael Mullen at 800-642-2377 ext. 104 for directions or e-mail him at mmullen@trojan.troy.edu. Volunteer water quality monitoring helps to obtain data needed for management of water quality and aquatic resources as state and federal agency resources do not allow regular testing or more than a portion of streams, rivers and lakes.



Pictured (left to right) are: Hardy Bryan, Gary Allen and Al Dees.

ALFA Insurance honors Gary Allen

Gary Allen of Elba, agent for Alfa Insurance, has received the Bronze DSA award for 1998. The award was presented by Al Dees, Exec. Vice President Marketing, at the company's annual awards program held in Montgomery on Feb. 26. Allen has served as an Alfa Insurance agent for 13 years and is a member of the Coffee-Geneva County Life Underwriters Association and Elba Chamber of Commerce and attends Elba United Methodist Church. A native of Coffee County, Allen is married to Jenny Hamm of Elba, and they have three children, Justin, Mallory and Kevin.

Boat operator's licenses news

Probate Judge William O. Gammill states that Coffee County offers all persons (vessel operators) that are exempt from the written exam due to age (born before April 28, 1954), or the holder of a certificate of completion of the Alabama Boating Basics course given by the State of Alabama the option of applying for their vessel operators' license in the Probate offices in Elba and Enterprise. Residents who are exempt from the examination can now add this vessel endorsement without making a special trip to the Drivers License Examiner's Office in New Brockton before going to the Probate Office. The Boating Safety Act of 1994 mandates that all operators of motorized vessels age 12 and above must be licensed. Persons who are not exempt from the examination will be required to take a written or oral examination at the examiners office in New Brockton. Study guides are available at either probate office.



Ashley Halfman

Miss Alabama to appear at Miss Elba Pageant

Ashley Halfman, Miss Alabama 1998, is scheduled to be in Elba on Saturday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. She is a graduate of Vestavia Hills High School in Birmingham and is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College where she received a degree in Biology. Her career ambition is to pursue a career in health care law specializing in either low income or child advocacy legal work. Halfman's platform is a mentoring program, "Each One Reach One." She is the founder and director of this program. She serves on many committees in the schools and communities that work with children and youth. She has also done volunteer at a veteran's hospital. Halfman will be performing her classic ballet during the pageant. Anna Marie Kerecman, Miss Southeast Alabama, will be emceeing the pageant. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is proud to be able to have Miss Alabama be a part of our pageant this year and hopes everyone will come out and support this event.

Three-In-One Study Club meets at Elba City Library, Thursday, March 4th

The Three-In-One Study Club met at the Elba City Library on March 4 with Mrs. Wilson Newman and Mrs. E.M. Warr serving as hostesses. Mrs. Pauline Allen gave a devotional on a perfect home. Mrs. Linda Westbrook, a guest, gave a very interesting and informative talk on Coffee County Commissioners at work. She gave some responsibilities of the commissioners. They project a budget and make decisions on what is the most important projects to be done. The importance of county water supply was stressed; supplying fire protection in rural areas. The baseball field at Zion Chapel was also discussed. Many other good projects were brought out.

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 ***Spring youth revival at Shady Grove A.M.E. in Elba will be held March 29-31 at 7 p.m. nightly. Pastor is Rev. F. Flowers and evangelist will be Rev. James A. Corbett, pastor of the Florida Lockhart Circuit.
 ***27th Annual Session of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention will be held in the Education Building on Highway 84 in Elba on March 19-20. Will meet Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. with a program by Matrons of Rock Head. Will meet Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served by Laymen's wives.
 ***Mt. Calvary Youth Revival will be held March 24-26 (Wednesday-Friday) at 7 p.m. nightly. Wednesday night theme: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." Thursday night theme: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22:6. Friday night theme: "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."—Matthew 19:14
 ***Youth Need to Know: African American History
 ***Monthly Motivation: Positive anything is better than negative nothing. —Lorraine Hansberry, playwright and activist.
 ***Timeline:
 1845: On March 10, Hallie Quinn Brown, who will become an author and women's rights activist, is born in Pittsburgh, Pa.
 1867: Howard University is chartered by Congress in Washington, D.C.
 1921: Harry Pace establishes Pace Phonograph Corporation, the first record company to be owned and operated by African Americans.
 1945: On March 8, Phyllis Mae Daley receives her commission as ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps and becomes the first African American Nurse to serve in active duty in World War II.
 1962: Philadelphia 76er Will Chamberlain scores 100 points in an NBA game against the New York Knicks.
 ***Praise Service to be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church on March 13, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in Elba. Rev. Darryl Caldwell, pastor, and Marcus Derooy Woodham, Brundidge.
 Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

"One Accord" to be in concert at Westside Baptist Church

"One Accord" Music Ministries, a gospel group from Dothan, will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church on Sunday, March 21 at 10 a.m. The group was formed in December of 1994 by Tim Benton, John Dunn, Stan Morehead and Pat Rider. They have recorded three projects, with the most recent recording, "We Shall Rise," to be their most exciting yet. Their 1997 recording project, "Dry Land" and 1998 recording "We Shall Rise" include local artists, Joey Hudspeth and Ronald Haynes. They have had the privilege of singing with such well known groups as Gold City, The Hoppers, Jeff and Sheri Easter, Karen Peck and New River, The Sreles, James Blackwood, The Booth Brothers and The Cannaanland Boys.

Area students graduate from TSUD recently

The following students completed requirements for the associate's, bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees during the 1998 Fall Quarter at Troy State University Dothan. Receiving her Bachelor's degree Magna Cum Laude was Stacy Jean Nunn of Elba. Also receiving their Bachelor's degree were: Todd Henderson Carpenter, Brantley; and Marcus Derooy Woodham, Brundidge.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gifford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Aaron Holland. Aaron is the son of Sue Holland and is a junior at Elba High School this year. He is an employee at EDSO Fasteners where he pulls orders for customers. Aaron is an active member of VICA and enjoys playing sports, collecting football cards, and being with his friends.

After graduating from high school, Aaron plans to attend college in hopes of becoming a computer engineer.

We are proud to shine this week's Co-Op Spotlight on Aaron Holland.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox
Editor
Daniel Murdock
Editor

Lesson In Hard Work & Dedication

by Lance Boutwell

What has happened to commitment and dedication in today's society? This is a question asked by many people in the small town of Elba. Many people believe that making a commitment requires too much responsibility. These people seem to think that a commitment takes too much of their time and effort. People just do not feel like fully dedicating themselves to any particular practice, game, or even a job.

Commitment is an agreement or pledge to do something in the future. Many people are scared to make a commitment to a sport, job, etc. For example, at Elba High School no one wants to commit to

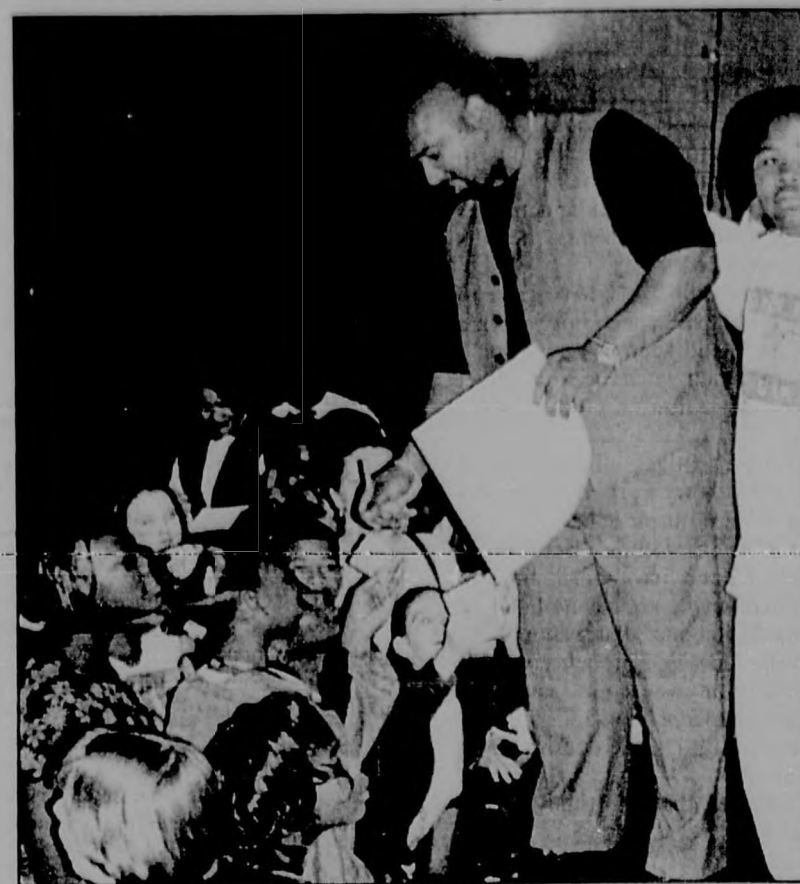
playing a sport for various reasons, whether it is because they do not like the coach, they are upset with their teammates, or they can not fully dedicate themselves to the team aspect. Commitment is a valuable tool in school and in life and the administrators will have to work hard together to get this quality back into the school system.

Dedication is devoting or setting aside oneself for a particular purpose. It is hard for people to fully dedicate themselves to an activity. Dedication comes through confidence, hard work, and effort. Dedication requires people to tough out the hard situations and not quit when things really get tough. Hopefully, the dedication that Elba

NFL Pays A Visit To Elba High School

by Diana Jackson

On February 19, 1999, the Elba City School System had a very special visitor, Ronald McKinnon, Ronald, a former graduate of Elba High School, is currently playing middle linebacker in the National Football League (NFL) for the Arizona Cardinals. He was introduced at a school wide assembly by his former high school coach, Mr. Mack Wood. During the assembly he was presented with a sign that will be placed at the entrance of the school to glorify Ronald's signifi-



McKinnon Signs Autographs

Jr. Magazine Sale Ends

by Natasha Bannin

The juniors brought their magazine sale to an end on February 8, 1999. Forty-six of fifty-nine students participated in the sale. Thirty-six of those forty-six sold their quota of \$225. Total sales came to approximately \$16,000. 40 percent of that money will go towards the 1999 Jr.-Sr. Prom. The juniors who did not sell their quota this year and the seniors who did not sell their quota last year will have to pay to attend the prom. That money also will go towards the prom. Thanks to those of you who helped the juniors by purchasing a magazine.

Miss Elba Pageant

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and the 1999 Miss Elba Pageant committee are very excited about the upcoming Miss Elba pageants.

Each year the young lady named Miss Elba receives a cash scholarship. Our 1999 Miss Elba will be awarded a cash scholarship that will be the first of its kind. We are asking that contributions be made by or in honor of memory of any former Little, Junior, or Miss Elba pageant winners.

The former queens being honored will be featured in the pageant program.

The Chamber of Commerce committee feels that this will be a positive addition to the Miss Elba pageant.

Donations may be made by contacting Kaye Whitworth at the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 or by mail to Elba Chamber of Commerce, 200 Buford St., Elba, Alabama 36623.

Elba Elementary School Menu March 15 - 19, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Carrots, Crackers, Peach Half, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Manager's choice
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickle, Potato Wedges, Half Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits w/Toast or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Friday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, Half Apple, Milk

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ESJC NEWS

Enterprise State Junior College's Career Training Program has been scheduled for a daytime spring semester session. This popular, free program provides information about returning to school or entering or reentering the workforce. It is a six week program, and free daycare is available. Participants may also be eligible for scholarships to attend ESJC. Class size is limited, and those interested must call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 314 to register prior to March 29 or for more information. The daytime spring session will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 5 through May 12 from 9 a.m. - Noon.

You can learn more advanced steps and styling in Latin dances including the rumba, cha cha, samba, tango, and mambo with Enterprise State Junior College's Social Dance (Intermediate Latin) course. Dancing ability is not a prerequisite. Basic ballroom dance is required to enroll. Registration is accepted only if you have a partner, and the course is limited to the first ten couples registering. Classes will be held on Mondays, April 5-May 10, 7-9 p.m. in ESJC's Student Center Multipurpose Room. There is a \$94 per couple fee, and the registration deadline is March 29. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

A second session of Pottery Shoppe will be offered spring semester at Enterprise State Junior College. The course is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student must purchase clay and tools for \$20. Dothan pottery master David Plunkett will be teaching this course which will be held in two separate sessions: on Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 5-May 10, and on Tuesdays, April 6-May 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The registration deadline is March 29, and there is a \$30 fee for the course. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, *Using the Microcomputer - Level I*, will be offered in a third session this spring semester to assist persons having no keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 6-15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is March 30. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Study Habits

by Michell McIntosh & Kendra Ward

Many people at Zion Chapel High School participate in extracurricular activities. When asked how extracurricular activities affect their study habits, here is what they had to say.

Kayla Eddins - "I have time to play basketball, cheer, hold down a job, and I still keep my work up."

Tara Grant - "It doesn't affect me. I have time to do my homework."

Morgan Hodge - "I do the most important homework at home and then the rest during school."

Daphne Hight - "Because of sports I don't have much time to socialize on the phone and I end up going to bed later than I should."

Justin Law - "I probably wouldn't study anyway so it would not affect me much."

Jessica Kelley - "It doesn't affect me at all."

Chan Grantham - "I study during school to avoid any after school work."

Mallorie Bedsole - "I play basketball, cheer and I still manage to make good grades."

Jessica Cotton - "On game days, it's hard to study if we have a test the next day, but other than that it's not so bad."

Rebecca Ward - "They don't affect me because I never studied consistently to begin with."

Josh Faircloth - "It doesn't affect me because I'm given enough time after practice to get all my work done."

Carissa Walker - "It does not affect my study habits because I have plenty of time before and after band practice to study. I'm not much of a studier anyway."

Angie Laney - "It doesn't give me as much time to study as I would like."

John Arnold - "I don't have enough time to study."

Alisha Walker - "My only school related extracurricular activity is band. I usually have enough time for band practice and studying, since I don't usually study. Only occasionally does it interfere."

Blake Weeks - "I don't play sports, but I work. It doesn't affect my study habits because I don't have any."

Ryan Leverett - "I played sports and worked so I didn't have as much time to do my homework."

Rebecca Kidd - "It doesn't really affect me. I play basketball and I also keep my grades up."

Christina Shuman - "It helped my study habits because I wanted to play so bad I had to make the grades."

Jon Sanders - "It doesn't give me enough time to do my homework."

Alan Sanders - "I'm usually too busy working on my bike and training to do my homework."

Class Cooks Buffet Lunch

by Alisha Walker

The third period Home Economics class, under the supervision of Ms. Joan Hobbs, cooked a full buffet lunch.

The foods prepared were chosen by Ms. Hobbs and the students. They cooked turkey, dressing, squash casserole, sweet potato casserole, broccoli casserole, butter beans, green beans, rolls, cheese cake, chocolate cake, and a yellow cake.

The purpose of the lab was to learn how to cook a variety of foods. Many of the students cooked a food they had never cooked or eaten before.

The class invited two special guests, Mrs. Rachel Bryan and Mrs. Ana Mendez. They were chosen because they often let their students stay in Home Ec. a few extra minutes to put the finishing touches on a lab or to clean up the kitchen after cooking.

The labs were graded on many factors including the student's behavior in the kitchen, their ability to follow instructions, and how well they cleaned up the kitchen after the meal was over. Overall, the lab was a success both for the students and for the teachers who were honored.

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Rebel News Briefs

A SUPERIOR BAND

by Carissa Walker

Troy State's Annual Concert Band District Competition was held February 17-20. Zion Chapel's band performed at 3:30 p.m. on the nineteenth. The musical selections were "Alleluia (Lya Davidica)" by Elliot Del Borgo, "Northpointe Fantasy" by James Swearingen, and "Dance of the Warlords" by Rob Grice. The band got all Superior ratings. This is the second year in a row that Zion Chapel has got Superior ratings at the District Competition. For the past two years, the band has not received less than a Superior rating at any contest or festival they have attended.

NEW SPORT AT Z.C.

by Kendra Ward

Zion Chapel has taken on a new sport, track and field. Many students at Zion Chapel have wanted a track team and now coaches Doug Branson and Michele Templin have taken on the task. The team will have practices on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. The team also will be attending many meets from this area. There are many different events in which the team may participate. Examples of a few are the 50-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, and other running events.

Poetry Contest Winners



Pictured above are (l-r): Heather Halsey, Marlena Kerr and Rebecca Ward. Bonnie Grisham was unavailable for photo.

by Paige Hudson

Creative Communication recently sponsored a poetry contest for young poets from the Southern States. Four students from Zion Chapel entered this contest. Bonnie Grisham, a senior entered her poem, "Candle." Heather Halsey, a senior, entered her poem, "The God of The Sea." Marlena Kerr, a junior, entered with, "Comes and Goes." Rebecca Ward entered the contest with her poem, "I Never Dreamed." Each of these poems were recognized as "worthy of publication." The poems are chosen for their literary merit, creativity, and social awareness. The poems will be published in an anthology entitled "A Celebration of Southern Young Poets."

* *The Winning Poems* *

I Never Dreamed
by Rebecca Ward
I never dreamed in a million years,
You would feel the way I do,
I never thought I'd ever have a chance

To be with you. But in the end I know,
The truth you feel the way I do,
I just pray and hope every day,
I'll spend my life with you.

Comes and goes
by Marlena Kerr
As night and day comes and goes
I wonder if you'll ever know
The love that lies within my heart
Like my shadow it will never part
As the sun and the moon rise at their times,

My love for you climbs.
In my heart a special place
Will lie for one beautiful face.
You my one and only true LOVE.

The god of the Sea
by Heather Halsey
I'm in the twilight shadows of the Temple of Poseidon,
The half moon making silvers of reflection on the Aegean Sea
Reflected by A northeast summer breeze.

Lights like tiny fireflies sent out across the sea,
From night-time fisherman,
Give an eerie flicker on the dark horizon.

Ah! The temple of Poseidon!
If you could only talk and tell of long forgotten people,
Their hopes and joys, their tears and pain...
Is it always the same?

Poseidon, God of the Sea
Will the salt of your water heal my broken heart
Or just add pain to its growing crack?

The sea... sounds, sights, smells, feel,
Be it calm or in a tempest,
It swells over me like a medicinal balm.

Poseidon, here I sit on the steps of your temple,
Poseidon let your seas bring me tranquility
With its northeast breeze.

Coffee County Schools Menu March 15 - 19, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chili, Turkey Stir Fry & Veggies, Breaded Okra, Cinnamon Rolls, Crackers, Rice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Ham, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Turkey, Baked Ham, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit, Buttered Carrots, Butter Beans, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Honey Buns, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Lasagna, Ham Sandwich, Raw Veggie w/Dip, English Peas, Fruit Cobbler, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Chicken Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hamburger, HotDog, Onion Rings, Baked Potato, Fruit, Cookie, Milk
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Sausage Pizza, Chicken Salad, Tossed Salad, W.K. Corn, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

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Vocational Clubs Celebrate In February

Members of FFA, FHA, and FBLA celebrated during the month of February with a number of activities in their chapter's honor.

FFA used to be called the Future Farmers of America and is the vocational club for students who are enrolled in the course widely known as "Ag." Now that the curriculum has changed more toward Agriculture and away from just agriculture, the club is known as FFA.

FHA stands for Future Homemakers of America which is the vocational club for students enrolled in Home Economics.

FBLA stand for Future Business Leaders of America, and it is the vocational club for students enrolled in vocational business classes.

All three of these clubs have local, district, state, and national competitions based on the curriculum for the individual classes.

Charlie Maddox is the recently



Pictured above are: Charlie Maddox and Angie Laney chosen president of FBLA. He fills the position vacated by a student who had to leave school for health reasons. Angie Laney is president of both FHA and FFA. She is also currently serving as president of the state chapter of FFA.

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs

by Alisha Walker

Two of the Home Economics classes are studying eggs.

Students began the unit by learning about the structure of the egg and the different egg parts, then learned what to look for when buying eggs and finally, how to use and cook with eggs.

Students also studied the six sizes of eggs, which are jumbo, extra large, large, medium, small, and pee-wee; the grades of eggs, which are AA, A, or B. They also learned what nutrients eggs provide.

Since the classes were going to cook with eggs, they needed to know safety rules. Always crack each egg in a separate bowl. That way if it's a bad egg, the egg can be thrown away and you haven't ruined the whole mixture. Also, never eat a raw egg product. Everybody likes tasting batter, but the raw eggs may make you sick.

The classes also learned the different cooking methods for eggs. Eggs can be used as emulsifiers and thickeners. They are used in meringues, custards, souffles, omelets, and many other products. Eggs can be poached, baked, scrambled, fried, and cooked in the shell (boiled).

Each kitchen group chose a dish that contained eggs to cook. Different kitchen groups learned how to fold one substance into another, how to get a mixture to the soft peak stage, and how to get a mixture to the hard peak stage. The groups cooked omelets, cream pies, mousse, and breakfast casserole.

FFA Chapter News

FEBRUARY FFA MEETING

by Cristy Houston

The February meeting of the Zion Chapel chapter of the FFA was called to order on February 23, 1998 at 10:07 a.m. in the high school auditorium.

After roll call, Cristy Houston came forward to discuss the county and district contests. The county contests will be held on March 10, 1998 at the New Brockton Farm Center.

Blake Weeks, Justin Prescott, and Wes Bragg were recognized for placing fourth in county land judging. It was also noted that a manuscript for public speaking must be submitted no later than March 1.

Angie Laney then came forward to speak on FFA week which was held Feb. 22-26. She announced that various activities would be going on to help promote FFA Week.

Some activities were an elementary coloring contest, driving your tractor to school, blue and gold day, giving goody bags to all members, and a coloring contest for all senior FFA members.

Coach McCrory then spoke about the banquet. Members were asked if they would like to be a guest speaker to attend the banquet to discuss opportunities provided through FFA.

Members were also reminded of the no pass/no play policy. In order to be a member or officer next year,

students must have the proper grades. Everyone was encouraged to keep their grades up in order to be able to participate in the various chapter activities next year.

Next on the agenda was the scrapbook. Anyone who has pictures of any FFA activity that they would like to share should bring them to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

by Angie Laney

National FFA Week was held Feb. 20-27, 1999 at Zion Chapel.

On Monday chapter members were served a cherry pie at first break. Cherry pie was chosen to honor George Washington. He is important to FFA because the site of the first National FFA Headquarters was located on land owned by George Washington. The land was donated to the National Foundation.

The monthly meeting was held Tuesday.

Wednesday, posters and banners were put up in the hallways telling more about FFA Week. There was also a faculty breakfast in the teachers' workroom.

Thursday was "drive your tractor to school day." Students were also encouraged to wear FFA colors.

Friday was just a relaxing day where classes discussed the importance of FFA in today's society.

Rebel Baseball News

BASEBALL BEGINS AT ZION CHAPEL

by Charlie Maddox, B. Jackson, & Josh Faircloth

Tryouts for the varsity baseball team at Zion Chapel were held Feb. 10. Dan Johnson, Marcus Taylor, Josh McWaters, Wes Bragg, Patrick Oglesby, Justin Prescott, Jason Spear, Seth Legg, Chris Summerlin, Matthew McDermott, Josh Carney, Jonah McWaters, David Eddins, and Adam Blake made the team. Each day, practice is held after school at the Legion Field in Elba. The City of Elba has been gracious enough to allow Zion Chapel's team to use it for their home field. Coach Rick Jones is the head coach. The first game was March 2 at 4:30 p.m. The Rebels from Zion Chapel played the Rebels from G. W. Long at Legion Field.

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LIFESTYLES

Mills-Vanlandingham wedding set for May 22



Mr. Vanlandingham & Miss Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Cabert E. Mills of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Lee, to Travis Coe Vanlandingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vanlandingham of Dothan.

The marriage will take place May 22, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Elba at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Coston Pearce of Elba, and Mrs. Lawrence Mills and the late Mr. Mills of Elba.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Vanlandingham of Dothan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Coe of Hartford.

Miss Mills is a 1998 graduate of the University of Alabama where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Business Administration with a major in accounting. She is employed with Compass Bank in Birmingham as an accountant.

Mr. Vanlandingham is a 1995 graduate of Troy State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in marketing. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and is employed with Compass Bank in Birmingham as CD and IRA Product Manager.



Mr. Smith & Miss Clouden

Miss Clouden & Mr. Smith plan March wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel L. Clouden of the Island of Grenada, West Indies, announce the wedding of their daughter, Agnes L. Clouden, to Curtis L. Smith of Elba.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lendore of the Island of Grenada, West Indies.

Miss Clouden is a 1993 graduate of George W. Wrigate High School in New York City. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Alabama State University in Montgomery in 1999 and currently is pursuing a masters degree in nursing.

The groom is the son of Ms. Clara Wright of Elba and Mr. Joe Smith Jr. of Opp. He is the grandson of Kary Nell Horstead and Neomi Smith and the late Joe Smith, all of Elba.

He is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School, and he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Alabama State University in 1997. He is currently employed by Aaron's Rental as an account advisor.

The wedding will take place on March 27, 1999 at 3 p.m. at First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Montgomery.

All family and friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception, which will follow at the Ramada Inn East in Montgomery.

Coffee County Beauty Pageants set for April 25th

Coffee County Pageants have been set for April 25 at Elba High School. The age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss, 4-6; Little Miss, 1st graders only; Petite Miss, 7-12; Teen Miss, 13-16; Miss, 17-21. Entry forms are available at all schools in Coffee County and all children clothing stores and formal wear stores in the area. This is a preliminary to the National Peanut Festival pageant. There will be a meeting on March 18 at the Comfort Inn in Enterprise at 4 p.m. for all interested contestants.

Deadline to enter is April 5, 1999.

Coffee County Pageants also invites all former Coffee County queens to the pageant to be recognized.

Pine Level School plans March reunion

Pine Level School will have a reunion March 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old school site.

All former teachers and students are urged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be furnished.

For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

New Arrivals



Laken Shianne McBride

David and Bobbie (Lucas) McBride would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Laken Shianne.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1998 at the Medical Center in Columbus, Ga. She weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Laken is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McBride of Tyler, Texas and the late Doyle and Cleone Lucas of Elba. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Clem of Longview, Texas.

Laken was welcomed home by her 5-year-old big brother, Caleb.



Sheldon Lee Hudson

Keith and Hope Hudson of New Brockton would like to announce the birth of their second child, Sheldon Lee, on Jan. 25, 1999. Sheldon Lee weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Frankie and Diane Taylor of Elba and Albert and Judy Hudson of Enterprise. Great-grandparents are Gladys Hollinghead of Elba and Thomas and Geraldine Hudson of Dozier.

Sheldon Lee was welcomed home by big sister, Taylor Elizabeth.

Miss Lee and Mr. Millay to wed March 20th

Ms. Debra Lee of Elba announces the engagement of her daughter, Meghan Marlena, to Corey Joe Millay, son of Billy and Janet Berry of Elba and Roger Millay of Union, Maine. Meghan is the daughter of Steven Lee of Montgomery, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Willis of Elba and the late Marell Lee of Elba. She is the great-granddaughter of Ina Earl Brown and the late Benjamin H. Brown of Elba.

She will be a 1999 graduate of Elba High School and is employed by Dorsey Trailers of Elba.

The future groom is the grandson of Archie McPherson and the late Lillie McPherson of Opp and Wilbur and Artis Millay of Belfast, Maine. He attended Opp High School and is employed with Utility Trailers of Enterprise.

The wedding will be held March 20, 1999 at 4 p.m. at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast in Elba with a reception to follow.

No formal invitations are being sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.



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LIFESTYLES

Miss Catherine King honored with bridal shower

Miss Catherine Ann King, bride-elect of Todd B. Watson, was honored with a Tea and Miscellaneous Shower on Feb. 20 at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Clark.

Mrs. Clark greeted the guests who were registered by Miss Amy King, sister of the honoree, from Orlando, Fla. She was assisted by her niece, Miss Chandler Smith of Birmingham.

The guests were presented to the honoree, the honoree's mother, Mrs. Paul E. King of Birmingham; the groom's mother, Mrs. H.L. Watson of Evergreen; and the bride-elect's grandmother, Mrs. E.M. Warr.

Guests enjoyed party dainties and punch from the beautifully-appointed dining room table. Mrs. Susan Smith, sister of the honoree, from Birmingham and Miss Heather Watson, sister of the groom-to-be, directed the guests to the gift rooms. Arrangements of camellias, gladioli, and roses were placed throughout the home.

The Hostesses for this occasion were Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Karen Brooks, Mrs. Wanda Corley, Mrs. Margaret Hastings, Mrs. Verneette Maddox, Mrs. Edna Morrow, Mrs. Nancy Morrow, Mrs. Velma Moore, Mrs. Merlene Owens, Mrs. Jean Paul, Mrs. Melanie Robertson, Mrs. Betty Vaughan and Mrs. Charlotte Clark. Miss King is currently teaching in Tuscaloosa, and Mr. Watson is completing his Law degree at the

Betty & Oscar Vaughan to be honored on wedding anniversary

Betty and Oscar Vaughan will be honored on their fifteenth wedding anniversary by their children, with a reception, Sunday, March 14 from two until four in the afternoon, at Aunt B's, 717 West Davis Street, Elba. Your presence is your gift. RSVP-897-2885.



L to R: Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Paul King, Miss Catherine King-honoree, Mrs. H.L. Watson and Mrs. E.M. Warr.

Lloyd Crook inducted into Hall of Fame

Lloyd M. Crook of Elba recently was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizen Hall of Fame for his outstanding and valued contributions to the lives of older American citizens.

The induction ceremony was held at the Civic Center in Montgomery. Crook received the Honorary Golden Eagle Award and the Alabama Senior Citizen lapel pin.

A reception followed the ceremony.



1998 Miss Elba, Misty Kelley, Junior Miss Elba, Valence Moore, Little Miss Elba, Corrin Lee, and Future Little Miss Elba, Taylor Greel will be ending their reign next weekend as the 1999 pageant will be held at the Elba High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Miss Alabama, Ashley Halfman will provide entertainment, and Miss Southeast Alabama, Anna Marie Kerecman will be the emcee. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door. Free admission for children 3 and under. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this year's event with the help of local merchants, businesses and individuals providing flowers, trophies and scholarships for the winners. Directors of the pageant are Starla Amison, Kim Lowery and Dawn Austin.

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Taylor Elizabeth Hudson

Taylor Elizabeth Hudson celebrates fourth birthday

Taylor Elizabeth Hudson celebrated her fourth birthday on Feb. 23, 1999.

She is the daughter of Keith and Hope Hudson of New Brockton. Her grandparents are Frankie and Diane Taylor of Elba and Albert and Judy Hudson of Enterprise. Great-grandparents are Gladys Hollinghead of Elba and Thomas and Geraldine Hudson of Dozier.



Taylor Elizabeth Hudson

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City and County offices ready for Y2K

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Preparing for the Year 2000 (Y2K) has been a concern for most people in regards to computers, but many local officials say Elba and Coffee County are ready for the new millennium.

The concern for computers has been whether the software and hardware will be able to recognize the date fields in the new millennium. In past times, computer have only required the last two digits to represent the year, but '00 for the Y2K could cause problems and throw the computer out of whack.

Therefore, whether it be a personal computer at home or computer systems used by businesses or governments, all computer users have been scurrying to ensure their com-

puter is Y2K compatible.

For many entities such as the city of Elba and the Coffee County Probate Office, it has been a matter of receiving verification from the computer vendors they employ with their systems.

"As an extra precaution to ensure there is not a problem, we at the probate office have required written verification from our vendors that all hardware and software have been properly checked and are Y2K ready," said Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill. "The vendors assure us we are ready, and there should be no problem with our imaging system, records or tag system when Y2K arrives."

Verification from computer vendors is something that Donnie Morrow, Elba city clerk, said the city also has received. He said all

computer hardware and software was Y2K compatible despite a minor glitch with the mainframe that is used with billing and payroll, but after contacting the company which wrote the program, he said they assure the city that everything is ready.

"As for our utilities, we use Alabama Power, and they say all systems are compatible," said Morrow. "We don't anticipate any problem for Elba when Y2K rolls around."

Just as the city and county governments have been working to assure computer compatibility in Y2K, local schools have been doing the same.

Charles Pearce, Elba City Schools Superintendent, said Elba has been preparing for Y2K computer glitches since last summer,

and every phase that has been checked thus far has gotten assurance of being ready.

Dr. Linda Ingram of the Coffee County Board of Education said they too have been working to update all computer software and hardware. While some updates have been completed, she said there is still some modifications to be made.

"We have already converted the system at Zion Chapel," Ingram said. "And, we are planning to complete other conversion by this summer."

With modifications either being made or already made and assurances from computer vendors, the governments and schools of Elba and Coffee County are expecting smooth computer sailing in the new millennium.



Alabama Cattlemen's Scholarship Winners:

Standing with Greg Blythe, the Alabama Cattlemen's representative are Paul McMonagle on the left and Matthew Farris to the right. These young men from Coffee County 4-H won scholarships sponsored by the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. Paul will graduate from New Brockton High School this spring and plans to attend Auburn in the fall. Matthew graduated as valedictorian from Elba High School last year and is currently a freshman in pre-vet medicine at Auburn.

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Appreciation breakfast for area school counselors and administrators

LBW College hosted an appreciation breakfast for area superintendents, assistant superintendents, high school principals and counselors at 7:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 in the Memorial Room on the LBW Andalusia campus. Pictured (L to R) from Elba City Schools are: Danny Weeks, principal; Mike Carnley, counselor; Charles Pearce, superintendent; and Seth Hammett, LBW president.



Girl Scouts sell cookies

Jessie Carroll and Brittany Cardwell of ZC Troop 491 recently spent their Saturday morning outside of the Big/Little Store in Elba selling those delicious girl scout cookies. The cookie sales are a yearly event of the girl scouts. Carroll and Cardwell are led by their troop leader, Alicia Cardwell.

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FARM NEWS

Pruning and fertilizing fruit trees

Richard L. Petcher
County Extension Agent

PRUNING FRUIT TREES

The end of February and early March are usually the best times to prune fruit trees in Coffee County. If you want to have good yields and high quality fruit, you need to take the necessary time to do a good job of pruning your fruit trees. These include apples, peaches, plums, cuppernongs, and blackberries. There is a real art to pruning your fruit trees. The first step is to understand your trees' fruiting habit so you will know which branches to cut. Every fruit tree species requires a little bit different method of pruning, making it difficult to discuss in one article. So take some time to study your particular fruit tree if you do not already know. Pruning helps to reduce disease, improves the plant's vigor, influences flowering, fruiting and the size and quality of the fruit. If your fruit trees have not been producing well, lack of a good pruning could be the culprit.

FERTILIZING FRUIT TREES

February is a good time to fertilize fruit trees in Coffee County. Applying fertilizer now allows time for the roots of the trees to take up

those nutrients and move them on into the trunks and limbs before new shoot growth appears. Most trees put their major growth on during the first few months of spring. Most fruits require a second application of fertilizer (mostly Nitrogen) about six weeks from the first application. Peaches, plums and especially strawberries will need an application of fertilizer after harvest. This gives the plant a chance to regain its strength after carrying a heavy fruit load.

Pecan trees are a little unique in that they need Zinc. An easy way to apply that is to buy a pecan special fertilizer with Zinc already in it, or adding Zinc Sulfate. Zinc can be supplied by adding 8 pounds of Zinc Sulfate per full grown tree every 5 years. Here is a list of general yearly fertilizer recommendations.

Peaches - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 12 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Apples - 1 pound of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 10 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Plums - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to maximum of 10 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications).

Pecans - 2 pounds of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 120 pounds/tree, in 2 applications).

Pears - 3/4 pound of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 7 pounds/tree, in 2 applications).

Figs - 1/2 pound of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 7 pounds/plant).

Cuppernongs - 1/2 pound of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 7 pounds/plant).

Strawberries - 2 quarts of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 2 pounds/plant split into 2 applications). Use ammonium sulfate or organic forms such as cottonseed meal. Do not use straight Ammonium Nitrate. Blueberries require acid soils of pH between 5.0 and 5.5.

Blackberries - 2 quarts of 8-8-8/tee/year of age (up to a maximum of 12 pounds/tree, split in 2 applications). The second application of fertilizer should be made approximately six weeks from the first. It is helpful to know that a 15 oz. pea can holds close to one pound of fertilizer and a 3 lb. coffee can holds 7 pounds of fertilizer.

Teach Children Electrical Safety

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Every year, thousands of people are shocked or burned in electrical accidents in the home. Even more fires are caused by electrical incidents.

To help battle that problem, teach your children about electricity and its dangers. Children are naturally curious, and this can lead to trouble with electricity.

Teach your children some simple rules for dealing with electricity. First, teach them never to put fingers or any other objects into electrical outlets, toasters or any other appliance-even if the object is off. Or our child's safety, store small appliances away from any water source-bathtubs, sinks and even toilets. To protect younger children

and babies, use plug covers in unused outlets.

Make sure your children fly their kites in an open area well away from power lines. Electricity can move down the strings of kites or balloons. Teach children not to try to free a kite or other toy caught in power lines. An adult should contact the power company.

Teach children not to climb in trees near power lines. Also, make sure they recognize "High voltage" signs and know they mean an area to avoid. Teach them to avoid substations and pad-mounted transformers as well as power lines. A pad-mounted transformer looks like a metal cabinet on a concrete slab.

The kitchen has become an activity center in many homes. And with more activity, you may encounter more accidents. That's why it is more important than ever to be aware of safety issues.

Household cleaners should be stored in their original labeled containers. Keep them separate from food and store them out of the reach of young children. If there are small children in the household, storage cabinets should have child-resistant safety latches.

Good lighting can help prevent accidents. Be sure there is plenty of light at the stove, sink and counter-top work areas, especially where food is cut and chopped. To avoid slips and falls, immediately wipe or pick up spilled water, grease or food peelings.

Also, don't overload electrical outlets. Hands should be completely dry before operating any electrical appliance.

Keeping Calcium in your diet builds and keeps bones strong

Susan Taylor
County Extension Agent/NEP

Most Americans do not get enough calcium in their diets. This is especially true for teens who are building bone density and post-menopausal women who are at risk for osteoporosis.

Children from age 1 to age 10 need 800 milligrams of calcium per day (the amount in 2-8 oz. glasses of milk); adolescents and young adults 11 to 24 years need 1,200 milligrams (the amount in 4-8 oz. glasses of milk); adults over 25 need 800 milligrams (the amount in 2-8 oz. glasses of milk); pregnant or nursing women need 1,200 (the amount in 4-8 oz. glasses of milk); and pregnant or nursing teens need 1,600 milligrams (the amount in 5-8 oz. glasses of milk). Some recent research indicates that post-menopausal women need 1,000 to

1,500 milligrams daily to help maintain bone density. There is also evidence that beginning in their 30's women should keep their intake at 1,000 milligrams per day to build up bone mass before menopause.

One way to increase the amount of calcium in your diet is to use yogurt along with other dairy products. Plain yogurt has 350 milligrams of calcium per 8 ounce serving.

One serving of milk or cheese has approximately 300 milligrams of calcium. This makes dairy products an excellent source of calcium and non-fat and low-fat milk and cheeses offer good choices to get calcium without increasing saturated fat intake. Low-fat yogurt is a way to add calcium, texture, and richness to everyday recipes without adding extra fat.

Yogurt can take the place of may-

onnaise in salad dressings. Just add herbs, spices, or condiments such as mustard to the yogurt for added flavor.

It can be used to thicken casseroles and sauces. Just add a couple of tablespoons of flour to a cup of plain yogurt for the sauce base.

Yogurt can replace higher calorie cheese in a fettuccine dish. It can also replace sour cream in dishes such as beef stroganoff or Swedish meatballs.

And, of course, there are many commercial frozen yogurt products to use in place of ice cream in desserts.

Following the Food Guide Pyramid recommendations for two to three servings of dairy products a day will help keep bones strong.

Jimmy Waters wins shotgun

Jimmy Waters, a peanut grower near Enterprise, recently won this prize shotgun at the Coffee County Peanut Production Meeting held at the Farm Center in New Brockton. According to David Eaddy with the Farm Service Agency, Coffee County growers planted 24,212 acres of peanuts last year with an average yield of 2,096 pounds of peanuts per acre. Water's closest guess of 2,100 pounds per acre gave him the prize. Shown from left to right are Gary Carr, J. L. Carr, Jimmy Waters, John Everest, AU Weet Scientist, Ron Weeks, AU Peanut Entomologist, and Glen Akridge. Sixty-five growers attended this meeting. Auburn University Specialists Dallas Hartzog, Ron Weeks, John Everest and Austin Hagan presented some of the most



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The Hands of Abuse are Dark, Swift and Scarring

Dear Mr. Ross: I have been to hell and back and survived. When I married at 19, my life was filled with love for my husband. After my first child was born things changed. My husband started beating on me, to the point that I had to go to the emergency room. Out of terror, I covered up the true reason for my injuries. The black eyes and broken ribs were never as bad as the actual terror he would release on me. After 2 more children, it was getting harder and harder to explain why I always had bruises or a broken wrist. Not having any friends of my own (I wasn't allowed to), I felt trapped in the grips of despair.

Until one day he beat me so bad I had to be admitted to the hospital. How was I to explain why my hair had been burned off? That my own husband raped me using multiple blunt objects? I couldn't. And that's when the endless sea of tears began. Social services worked quickly and my children were removed from their father.

My kids and I are together now at a women's shelter. There are days I feel totally paralyzed. I don't know where to begin piecing my life back together. I need so much but housing is the most important. I can stay here another 4 weeks, during which I will begin divorce proceedings. Can you help me put the pieces back together?

Anonymous - Camarillo Courier, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Anonymous: I'm so sorry for you and every other woman who has suffered abuse by the hand of a man. The next 6 months will be a blur of activity for you, so let's get started. I'm sending \$2,000, which will set up housing and see to your most immediate needs. Then there is the obvious-having to deal with your emotions on a healing curve. It's a private journey you must undertake if you are ever to recover from the abuse. I wish you well and I hope some day you can dance like no one is watching.

Dear Mr. Ross: Some time ago I wrote and asked

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Chocolate can be part of a healthy diet
Angela Hughes, County Extension Agent
Chocolate is one of America's favorite flavors. In fact, February is "Celebration of Chocolate Month."
Chocolate can be part of a healthy diet if you balance your food choices using the Food Guide Pyramid, says Dr. Barbara Struempfer, a nutritionist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. It's an extra bonus to be able to reduce the fat in chocolate desserts and treats without sacrificing taste, she says.
Many prepared, reduced-fat, chocolate desserts and treats are on the market today. Consumers can reduce the fat in their favorite homemade chocolate recipes by substituting traditional ingredients with lower-fat ingredients or by taking advantage of new reduced-calorie and reduced-fat products on the market.
Dr. Struempfer offers some quick and easy tips for reducing the fat in homemade chocolate desserts.
New products are making it easier to reduce the fat content of your favorite recipes, says Struempfer. While people are interested in lowering the total fat in their diets, most are not willing to sacrifice taste. Fortunately, technology has helped manufacturers produce reduced-fat products that taste good.
One such product is reduced-fat baking chips. These chips have 25 percent fewer calories than traditional semi-sweet chocolate chips. The reduced-fat baking chips contain salarim, says Struempfer. Salarim is made from components commonly found in foods such as vegetable oil, vinegar, aged cheeses and other dairy products. Salarim provides five calories a gram whereas traditional fats provide nine calories a gram.
Consumers can get 50 percent reduced-fat recipes by calling Hershey Foods Corporation toll free at (800) 468-1714 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CST or by writing to Hershey Foods Corporation, P.O. Box 815, Department RFADA, Hershey, PA 17033-0815.

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